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SUBJ: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON LATEST

NOUAKCHOTT RAID

1. DCM PAID FAREWELL CALL ON MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR GUIG (FORMERLY CHARGE) JULY 14. ASKED ABOUT JULY 3 POLISARIO RAID ON NOUAKCHOTT, GUIG SAID THAT POLISARIO COLUMN HAD COMSIFROM TINDOUF VIA MALIAN TERRITORY: TAOUDENNI, ARAOUANE, PASSED ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS FROM TOMBOUCTOU, AND STOPPED TO REST AND TAKE ON WATER AT LAKE FAGUIBINE NEAR MALIAN TOWN OF RAS EL MA. COLUMN THEN CROSSED MALIAN-MAURITANIAN BORDER AT UNKNOWN POINT AND ADVANCED ON NOUAKCHOTT.

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2. GUIG SAID INFORMATION CAME FROM HIS NETWORK OF MAURITANIAN "PATRIOTS" WHO LIVE IN MALI, PARTICULARLY IN BORDER AREA OF MALIAN SIXTH REGION. THEY REPORT TO HIM BY MAIL AND COURIER.

3. GUIG SAID LIAISON BETWEEN MALI AND MAURITANIA WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. MALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS WAS

IN CONTACT WITH ITS MAURITANIAN COUNTERPART AND PASSED ON USEFUL INFORMATION. LIAISON OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN EXCHANGED. ON THE BORDER, GUIG SAID, CAMEL-MOUNTED NOMAD TROOPS FROM BOTH SIDES MET ONCE A WEEK AND COMMUNICATED BY RADIO EVERY DAY.

4. GUIG SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD TOLD MALIANS THAT IT DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS NECESSARY YET TO REQUEST RIGHT OF HOT PURSUIT OF POLISARIO ACROSS MALIAN BORDERS. IF THE POLISARIO, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO ATTACK MAURITANIAN TOWNS FROM MALIAN TERRITORY, THE MAURITANIANS WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS SUCH A RIGHT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI.

5. GUIG DID NOT THINK THERE WERE ANY PRO-ALGERIAN ELEMENTS AMONG MALI'S RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE. THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, SAID GUIG, WERE THE MOST REASONABLE. FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES SAMBA CISSOKHO WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN HIS OWN CONFUSED AMBITIONS TO BE CHIEF OF STATE TO DO ANYTHING MORE THAN TO TRY TO PLEASE EVERYBODY. DEFENSE MINISTER KISSIMA DOUKARA, SAID GUIG, HAD SIMILAR AMBITIONS AND THIS COMPLICATED THE MATTER, BUT NOT OVERLY SO.

6. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR GUIG CONTINUES TO SPEAK CLEARLY ABOUT SAHARA PROBLEM AND IS AN EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR
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